

**Virginia Department of Health
Division of Disease Prevention, Tuberculosis Control & Prevention**

Guidance for Use of Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) Solution during the National Shortage

The TB Control and State Pharmacy have been notified that the national shortage of PPD solution used for tuberculin skin testing (TST) is ongoing. Both Tubersol and Aplisol are impacted. Currently the Virginia State Pharmacy has a limited supply of PPD solution.

To ensure that PPD is reserved for the highest priority testing activities, the following guidance has been updated for use by local health districts.

If you have opened bottles of PPD solution that will expire 30 days after opening, please use the product so that it is not wasted even if this testing does not fall within the current use restrictions.

Client Type	Test Type	TB Control Subsidy	Additional Comments
Cases/Suspects	IGRA or TST	Yes, for IGRA	Call to report use of IGRA to TB Control
Contacts undergoing 1 st round testing	TST	Yes, if special approval for IGRA	Call to request authorization for IGRA use
Contacts undergoing 2 nd round testing	TST or IGRA	Yes, if used for 1 st round testing	Use same method as 1 st round evaluation/testing. Call for IGRA authorization.
Refugees	IGRA except children under age 5	Yes, by Newcomer Health Program	Follow Newcomer Health directions for submitting refugee screening billing. No prior authorization required.
Children	Risk Assessment, TST, or IGRA	No	Testing based on risk assessment results. Use discretion to limit testing where possible
Others	Risk assessment or IGRA	No	Testing based on risk assessment results. Districts may opt to subsidize IGRA cost and offer sliding scale pricing for IGRA testing

1. To request TB Control payment for any IGRA testing described in the chart above, **please call 804 864-7906 prior to testing.**
2. Authorization for TB Control payment for contacts undergoing the first round of testing will be limited to selected situations. Examples include HIV-infected and other immune suppressed contacts and the homeless.
3. For contact investigations in process, the same methodology used in the 1st round of testing should be used in the second round of testing as supplies and funding permit.
 - a. **Districts must call TB Control (804-864-7906) to request approval** of IGRA use for 2nd round testing. Districts should be able to provide an estimated number of tests during the call.